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May 30, 2018

Ms. Victoria Rutson
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 779X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Trumbull County, OH**

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Enclosed please find the comments of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service finding no anticipated adverse effects to federally endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species based on the proposed transaction.

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

Enclosure

Melanie Yasbin

From: Payne, Gene <Floyd_Payne@CSX.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2018 9:04 PM
To: Melanie Yasbin
Subject: FW: Abandonment of 13 Mile Rail Line, STB Docket AB-55 (779X), Trumbull Co.

Good Evening Melanie,

Below is the US Fish and Wildlife response to the 779X Abandonment.

Thank you,
Gene

From: susan_zimmermann@fws.gov [mailto:susan_zimmermann@fws.gov] **On Behalf Of** Ohio, FW3
Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 8:41 AM
To: Payne, Gene <Floyd_Payne@CSX.com>
Subject: Abandonment of 13 Mile Rail Line, STB Docket AB-55 (779X), Trumbull Co.



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Dear Mr. Payne,

We have received your recent correspondence requesting information about the subject proposal. There are no Federal wilderness areas, wildlife refuges or designated critical habitat within the vicinity of the project area.

FEDERALLY LISTED, PROPOSED, AND CANDIDATE SPECIES COMMENTS: Due to the project, type, size, and location, we do not anticipate adverse effects to federally endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species. Should the project design change, or during the term of this action, additional information on listed or proposed species or their critical habitat become available, or if new information reveals effects of the action that were not previously considered, consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should be initiated to assess any potential impacts.

If you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact our office at (614) 416-8993 or ohio@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Dan Everson
Field Supervisor